

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence  
Director, Intelligence Community Staff

FROM: [redacted]  
Executive Secretary

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SUBJECT: Charter for STAP Technological Surprise Working Group

1. Action Requested: That you sign the attached memorandum to serve as the charter for a Science and Technology Advisory Panel (STAP) Working Group on Technological Surprise.

2. Background: The STAP Chairman, [redacted] has discussed with you the Panel's intention to focus on a limited number of areas of concern. Technological Surprise is one of those areas. To address this issue, the Chairman has formed a Working Group chaired by [redacted]

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[redacted] and a Nobel laureate); the Working Group also includes Professor [redacted] [redacted] at Harvard) and [redacted] [redacted] Princeton). These three STAP members will be joined by other eminent specialists (appropriately cleared) on an ad hoc basis.

3. STAP believes its most useful contribution to avoiding technological surprise lies in the awareness of its members of developments in science and technology that are taking place worldwide, beyond the limits of the Intelligence Community. That awareness and the members' accumulated understanding of the past impact of technology on matters of intelligence interest constitute a valuable resource the Community can draw on. The charter has been written with such a contribution in mind. The Panel will use

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the National Intelligence Officer for Science and Technology, Dr. Julian C. Nall, as its principal point of contact within the Community. Both this memorandum and the proposed charter have been informally coordinated with Dr. Nall.

4. If you have any questions, please call me at

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Attachment:  
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